

# RAIDER MUST KNOW HIS BUSINESS AND HAVE MACHINE GUN READY

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 15.—"Both the Germans and ourselves have to admit neither guns nor defensive planes can always stop a raider who knows his business and is equipped with a first class machine gun," writes an aeronautical expert commenting in the Evening Standard on the recent air raids on London.

"The intensive battle barrage in Flanders is crossed and recrossed incessantly by airplanes. Our raids on Mannheim and other German towns show that the enemy cannot bar our machines from reaching their objective, and the recent raids indicate that Germans can penetrate the London defenses.

"But there is a tremendous change in the conditions governing the raids as compared with those existing less than a year ago. Of the many airplanes which may now approach London very few indeed get through.

The massed fleet raid has given away to attacks by single machines or very small groups. Never again are we likely to have the humiliating spectacle of a big formation of enemy machines moving with impunity above our capital.

"In this respect we have reduced the danger very considerably, for with modern bombs, and modern improvements in bomb release, a fleet of raiders could now do terrible damage in London. The massed attack has been broken up, however, and now our danger comes from units and very small groups. We cannot make light of this development, all the same, for the Germans have formed the habit of running their raids in a kind of Indian file, group after group coming over to England, and each endeavoring to send one or more machines over London.

"The single or small group of raiders is most elusive, and no agency yet put into practice has been able

# ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA HAS MADE ITS APPEARANCE IN ITALY

(By Associated Press.) ROME, March 15.—A movement to improve censorship conditions so that Italy may be better known to her allies has been begun by Dr. Stuart Galanga, chief of the press bureau, under-secretary to Prime Minister Orlando, and a member of parliament.

At a recent conference held to hear the grievances of both Italian and foreign newspaper men so as to improve censorship conditions, English and American correspondents pointed out that one of the chief objections was the slowness of the telegraphic and mail service, particularly when any news events of importance occurred.

The chief point made, as regards the allies, was that it is to their mutual interest to let people of the respective nations know of the war activities of each other and by telling the truth to counteract the evil impression made by the circulation of Anti-American propaganda in Italy.

Anti-American propaganda in Italy so far has been largely founded on the argument that the war is enriching the United States to the detriment of all the nations of Europe, that the United States is going to make only a "bluff" of carrying on the war and risking the lives of her soldiers. Such propaganda is supposed to be of German origin. It has been found to take ready root in the minds of pacifists and socialists who want to have the war ended at any cost and who realize that without the help of the United States the war might not be carried on so long.

and to a victorious conclusion.

A subtle means of conveying this argument has been by the use of a moving picture film shown in Sicily picturing Uncle Sam as a big, vulgar millionaire raking in the gold of the whole world.

Representative LaGuardia, of New York, has delivered several speeches in Italy, speaking in the Italian language, explaining that a collection of debts is about all the United States will get out of the war and telling of the sacrifices the American people are making in the way of food and coal so that her allies may have more of these articles.

This "get-it-quick" argument, however, was used very effectively against the English previously to the entry of the United States into the war.

# FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MAKES USE OF STATE ROADS FOR WAR TRUCKS

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Frequent passages of trains of United States motor trucks through Pennsylvania to the Atlantic seaboard have served to call attention to the extensive use which the federal government now is making of the state

roads. Runs over the Lincoln Highway which is the main "link" between Philadelphia, New York and Pittsburgh, have been pronounced so successful that the war department has asked the state highway department to concentrate its efforts on the maintenance of this road.

In addition to the Lincoln Highway

# LARGEST CONCRETE VESSEL LAUNCHED

(By Associated Press.) A PACIFIC PORT, March 15.—The largest concrete ship in the world was launched here today. If the vessel stands all tests, the builders hope this type will help to solve the nation's need for ships. Every step of the construction has been watched by the government. The vessel is 320 feet between perpendiculars, 44.6 feet wide and 30 feet deep, and when loaded will draw 24 feet of water. Her displacement will be 7,900 tons and she will have a carrying capacity of 5,000 tons and make ten or eleven knots an hour with triple expansion engines furnishing 1,700 horsepower. She is ten times larger than any concrete boat now on record in this country.

Advantages claimed for the new vessel are that concrete construction does not interfere with steel construction; plenty of concrete can be had; concrete vessels can be built for the present cost of wooden vessels; concrete vessels of 7,500 tons can be launched within ninety days after work starts; while the cost of the "plant" is \$25,000 to \$50,000 compared with a steel shipyard.

"When the first steel vessels were built, people said they'd not float, or if they did, they would be too heavy to be serviceable," said W. Leslie Comyn, president of the concern, which built the boat. "Now they say the same thing about concrete. But all the engineers we have taken over this boat including many who said it was an impossible undertaking, now agree that it is a success."

The floor of the vessel is about 4 1/2 inches thick; the side four inches, with a great steel shoe down the bow, imbedded in the concrete.

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# CONCRETE SHIPS A SUCCESS

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Captain Philabury, representative of the United States shipping board, today expressed his belief that concrete vessels will prove successful, commenting on the successful launching at a Pacific port yesterday of the 5000 ton concrete ship, Faith.

# OFFENSIVE MUST PROCEED

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, March 15.—General von Hindenburg, in an interview at Berlin, stated that the offensive is not responsible for German peace intentions and that the great German offensive must proceed.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE ESMERALDA POWER COMPANY, for the year ended December 31, 1917:

Cash on hand January 1, 1917	\$ 7,015.98
Receipts during year	260,330.15
Disbursements during year	\$ 267,346.13
	\$ 263,046.92
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1917	\$ 4,300.21
C. A. HIGHBEE,	Secretary.

# ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF THE TONOPAH MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA, for the year ended December 31, 1917:

Cash on hand January 1, 1917	\$ 86,576.51
Receipts during year	2,989,172.84
Disbursements during year	\$3,075,759.35
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1917	\$ 35,154.64
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# ANNUAL STATEMENT

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DEBIT.	
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To assessment collected during 1917	none
To amount received from other sources	\$322.50
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Mine expenses in year 1917	none
Taxes paid in year 1917	\$310.25
General expenses in year 1917	12.25
Paid dividends in year 1917	none
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1917	none
R. G. RIDDETT,	Secretary.

# ALL IN FAVOR OF THE SELECTIVE DRAFT

(By Associated Press.) CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., March 15.—A great body of men, drawn from every walk of life, representing every stratum of society and coming from every industry and profession—men from the factory and shop, from the office and store, men from the farms, doctors, lawyers, dentists—have been brought here from their civilian occupations and in a few short months transferred into a rugged, physically fit, thoroughly trained unit of the American army, eager to fight for the cause of democracy and liberty, finish their tasks and get back to their ordinary pursuits.

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Has the selective draft law been a success in raising an army to meet the common foe across the seas? Every man at Camp Lewis is considered an emphatically affirmative answer to the question asked frequently when congress passed the law making such an army possible last year.

Every man in the camp has the fighting spirit. No volunteer in the military service of the United States is more eager to do his part in this war than are the national army men here. The morale of the ninety-first

# division is excellent.

This was attested to by Brigadier General E. A. Helmick, of the inspector general's department at Washington, who inspected the camp recently, and by every visitor who has come to see how the men are faring in military life.

"I wish they'd hurry us over there so we can do our little job and get back so I can plant my spring crops," the statement of one farmer, is the spirit which is found all over camp. "There go eight Huns," the comment of one man when the roar of the artillery in practice on range was heard, is typical. Every train of troops leaving camp is loudly cheered by the boys left behind and "I wish I were going along" is the desire voiced everywhere as the goodbyes are said. An order to entrain is the reward of months of preparation for which every man is waiting.

The democratic spirit which prevails is noticeable. Officers and men mingle together at dances and only such class distinction as is necessary for military discipline is maintained. They are all one here for one purpose and a unit in enthusiasm for the American cause and in eagerness to meet the enemy, bring about a permanent peace and come back home to their families.

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